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1. Between 1500 and 1830 hours on 1 July 1955, a naval force consisting of a very large vessel and five smaller vessels about half the length of the large one was 12 or 13 miles north of Kildin Island. The large vessel had a large superstructure and two funnels. The smaller vessels had two funnels; two of them were emitting much dark smoke. First the vessels passed [redacted] ship on a westerly heading, the smaller vessels in column on one side and the large vessel on the other. Later they returned in column formation with the large vessel leading, swung around [redacted] ship, and resumed a westerly course. When the force completed the turn, the large vessel fired three rounds at intervals of five to ten seconds. There were sharp flashes and powerful shock waves from these salvos. The vessel maintained a high speed throughout the maneuver. The force passed [redacted] ship at a distance of three to four miles but caused it to roll considerably, distance notwithstanding. 25X1
2. At 1130 hours on 11 July, when [redacted] ship was 10 to 11 miles northwest of Kildin Island, two planes flew over the ship on a westerly course. They continued five or ten miles on that course and then turned, flew back to the ship, circled it, and proceeded in toward Kildin Island. The planes were alike; float planes with straight low wings, and two propeller-type engines. They were a grayish brown in color and [redacted] have red stars on the wings and tail. They flew so low that the pilot could be seen. 25X1
3. The quay at Omega was repaired during the winter and had acquired a good new surface. At the upper end of the quay, a ferry bascule had been built. It was 12 or 14 feet wide and was operated by means of a manual crank. When it was not in use it stood at about a 45 degree angle. 25X1

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